

## CHILDREN BY SCORE VISIT THE TIMES

Each Brings Gift for Santa  
Claus to Give Poor Boys  
and Girls.

BY SELENE ARMSTRONG,  
The St. Nicholas Girl.

Wednesday morning the St. Nicholas Girl sat at her desk in The Times office waiting for a story to happen. And, would you believe it, my dear?—just then, at that very moment, the doors opened wide, and in ran the children.

Oh, what a wonderful surprise it was to us all! Santa Claus, who had just started in to see the St. Nicholas Girl, nearly rolled down two flights of stairs in his haste to get out of the way. "Why, no one told me they were coming," said he, puffing and blowing, just as stout people do when they come near rolling down the stairs. And the managing editor, and the city editor, and all the other members of The Times family sat up straight, rubbed their eyes, and looked over their desks to see what it was all about.

The children kept coming! Whether they had dropped down from the sky, where the angel children live, or come up in the elevator, as the earth children do when they want to see the St. Nicholas Girl, none of us could tell. But they came and came! Their little faces were like so many red peonies set with glowing stars, and they were very excited and happy. By this time, the St. Nicholas Girl was in the midst of them, and they were fairly pelting her with toys. There were monkeys, and bears, and rabbits, and dolls, and houses. There were mittens, and caps, and coats, and all sorts of deliciously mysterious bundles that haven't been opened yet.

Then the St. Nicholas Girl told them about Santa Claus, and the reindeer he ties with the rope of holy, and about the thistle-down with which the sleigh-bells are muffled, and the fine silver dust that Santa Claus sprinkles from the faces of the people on the street, in order that they may not see him as he passes their way.

But this was not all. They were such pretty, pretty children, and there was the Santa Claus camera close by. So with the two sweet-faced young teachers who had brought them from the school room, and with the St. Nicholas Girl, and the man who takes pictures for Santa Claus, this troop of children made their way to the very top of the Munsey building.

"I see the end of the world," said one little boy, looking far across the Potomac, which looked for all the world like a silver ribbon dropped on the grass. "And I see the North Pole," cried another little fellow, pointing a chubby finger over the tall buildings. A little girl thought she could see where Santa Claus lives, and still another saw her papa's office building. The teacher could see far over the hills where her home is, and the St. Nicholas Girl saw, as in a vision, all the little crooked bodies made straight, the homeless housed, the motherless safe in the nest, and hundreds of little stockings hanging in a row.

Even after good-bys had been said, and the St. Nicholas Girl had promised to tell Santa Claus where all these pretty children live, other miracles were happening throughout the morning. One woman, Mrs. Edward Norwood, called over the telephone to say good morning to Santa Claus and the St. Nicholas Girl, and to tell them that she has twelve dolls for the toy fund. And on some day this week there will be a party at this woman's home, and twelve of her friends meet with her to dress a doll.

Here are some of the letters which are pouring in faster than the gifts:

**Big Sister Writes.**  
Darling Santa—As I am too little to write, I am going to have my big sister write for me. I want a big doll, a go-cart, a table, some chairs, a set of dishes and anything else. Your dear friend,  
**LITTLE ETHEL FOWLER,**  
220 Second street southeast.

Dear Santa Claus—Won't you please bring me a bicycle, a Jack-in-the-box, and a sled. My little brother told me he would like a big wagon, too. My little sister Arthur, Sister, wants so much she will have to write an extra letter.  
**EDWARD DAVIS,**  
Mt. Rainier, Md.

Dear Santa Claus—I am eight years old. Now please dear Santa Claus all I ask of you is to give me an express wagon so that I may go to the ice house in the summer. I don't want to forget me.  
**WILLIE R. HAGAN,**  
132 Maryland avenue northeast.

**Dress the Doll.**  
Dear Santa Claus, I want you to dress my doll, and I want a Teddy bear and a table and stove. I will be real good this year.  
**LORAIN RYAN,**  
2221 F street northwest.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl four years of age, and I want you to bring me a nice doll, some dishes, cap, and little necklaces. My little sister wants a big rubber doll and some candy from your two little friends.  
**RUTH and ETHEL GRAHAM,**  
829 Prospect avenue northwest.

Dear Santa Claus—I have been waiting for the time to draw nigh that you may bring all children, poor and rich, something for Christmas. I have a sister that was born on Christmas morn. This is what I would like for Christmas: A stocking full of candy, an Indian suit, pair of ball-bearing skates and an Irish snail, box of games and that is all I can think of. My name is Clarence Pezold. I live at 123 Fourteenth street southeast. I am only six years old. Good-by.  
**CLARENCE PEZOLD,**  
123 Fourteenth street southeast.

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**MABEL BROWN,**  
210 E street northwest.

Dear Santa: Please come to see us. Papa is dead, and we beg you to bring to me and my little sister something, two dolls, some candy and cakes, a doll

carriage and doll wagon, toy dishes, fruit, a dress for myself and a pair of shoes for me and sister. I am seven years old and my sister is two years old. Mother, who is a widow, writes for us.  
**MARGARET ASBURY,**  
1231 Twenty-fourth street northwest.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy three years old and I would like very much for you to bring me a train of cars, and a velocipede, and a horn, and I have got a little cousin lives here with my grandma and he is five years

old and would like to have something as well as myself, he wants a wheelbarrow and a horn, and a stocking full of candy and nuts for us both. Please don't forget us Santa Claus. I have been good for one year. I forgot, Santa Claus, I have got a little brother five months old and would like to have a rattle. My name is HENRY

VERNON, and I live at 411 O street southwest. Don't forget, Santa, please.  
Dear Santa Claus: Bring me a go-cart and a set of furs and a table. And I want a story book about a burglar, and I want a bear. Yours truly,  
**THERESA RYAN,**  
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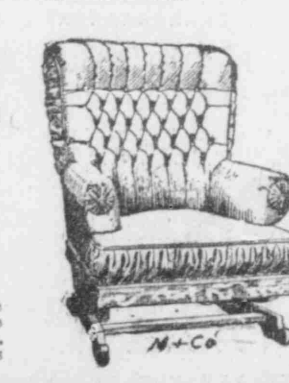
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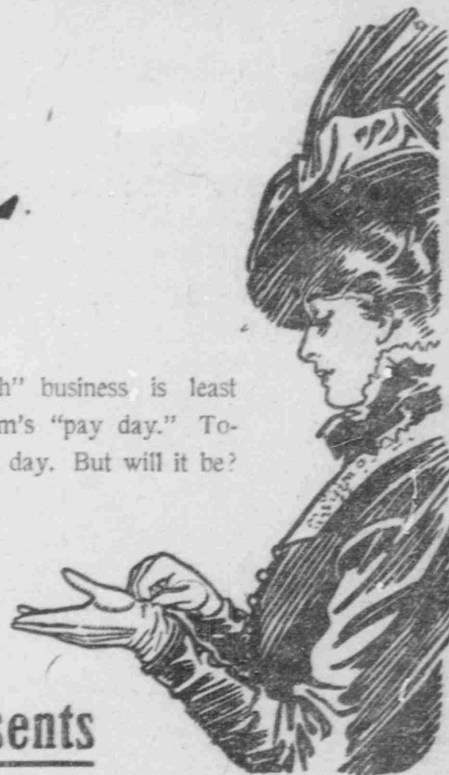
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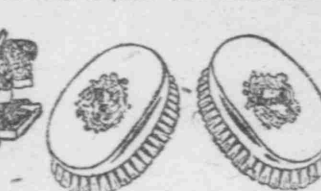


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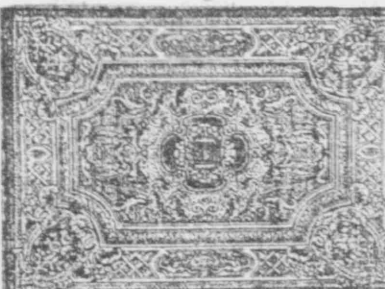
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